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In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14 (canceled)

15. (original) A mouse trap cover comprising:

5 a hollow rectangular cover having a top, an open bottom, a right side with a bottom edge having a midpoint and formed with an arched opening at said midpoint and perpendicular to said top, a left side with a bottom edge having a midpoint and formed with an arched opening at said midpoint and parallel to said right side, a front with a bottom edge having a midpoint and formed with an
10 arched opening at said midpoint and perpendicular to said top and to said right side and joining said right side to said left side, and a back with a bottom edge having a midpoint and formed with an arched opening at said midpoint and parallel to said front; and

15 a hollow, decorative item having a top and a bottom and formed with a coin slot in said top and an aperture in said bottom and removably connected to said top of said cover.

16. (original) The mouse trap cover of claim 15 wherein said decorative item is shaped like an animal.

17. (original) The mouse trap cover of claim 16 wherein said animal is an elephant.

20 18. (original) The mouse trap cover of claim 15 further comprising:

a removable plug connected to said decorative item wherein said plug is inserted into said aperture in said bottom of said decorative item in a manner allowing easy removal of said plug from said aperture.

25 19. (original) The mouse trap cover of claim 15 wherein said cover is comprised from the list including metal, plastic, bamboo, ceramic, or a variety of wood.

20. (original) The mouse trap cover of claim 15 wherein said cover is of such a height as to fit over a standard spring-loaded mouse trap and to allow ample room for a mouse or other rodent to enter said arched openings and move about under said cover.